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# Rich Man, Poor Man



To understand my problem you must know the world I grew up in ... the slums of New York's lower east side!



... the ugly bitterness of life with a brutal stepfather!





# LOVE CONFESSIONS

**E**ven then Bill and Lew were my constant companions and they knew how I felt!

JUST YOU WAIT! I'LL GET OUT OF THIS FILTHY NEIGHBORHOOD SOME DAY! I'LL REALLY BE SOMEBODY!

STICK WITH ME, KATHY, AND WE'LL GET OUT TOGETHER! I'VE GOT PLANS THAT'LL PUT US ON EASY STREET!



THAT ISN'T RIGHT, LEW! I DON'T WANT TO RUN AWAY! I WANT TO MAKE THINGS BETTER FOR EVERYBODY HERE!

SUCKER TALK! I WANT TO MAKE THINGS BETTER, TOO ...FOR LEW FLORES! ONLY CHUMPS WORK! I'LL MAKE 'EM WORK FOR ME!



**A**s we grew older the rivalry sharpened...and Lew's trickery was already well developed!

OH...! I... I THOUGHT I COULD CARRY YOUR BOOKS TO SCHOOL TODAY, KATHY!

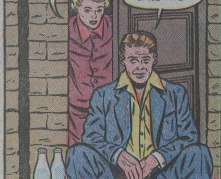
GET LOST, BOY! I GOT HERE FIRST! YOU GOTTA GET UP EARLY TO GET AHEAD OF LEW FLORES, BILL!



...But so was Bill's dogged patience! The next morning, when I went downstairs for the milk...

BILL CASEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE AT THIS TIME OF MORNING?

WAITING TO CARRY YOUR BOOKS, KATHY! LEW SAID I'D HAVE TO GET UP EARLY TO BEAT HIM! I'VE BEEN HERE SINCE FIVE!



**F**rom the beginning, Bill's idea of settling a question was to face it squarely and have it out!

KATHY'S GOING TO THE STEVEDORE'S DANCE WITH ME TONIGHT! IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT, DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!

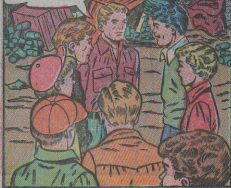
I WILL, LEW... AFTER SCHOOL TONIGHT, IN HAGGERTY'S VACANT LOT!



**T**hat afternoon...

I'VE TOLD YOU, LEW... THE STEVEDORE'S DANCE IS NO FIT PLACE TO TAKE KATHY! NOW I'M READY TO CONVINCE YOU!

DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH! YUH THINK I'M DUMB ENOUGH TO TAKE LUMPS JUST TO SATISFY A MUG LIKE YOU?



HEY, SPIKE! HERE'S THE SUCKER I WAS TELLIN' YOU ABOUT! HE THINKS HE CAN LICK ANYBODY! LET'S SEE YUH EARN YOUR MONEY!

I'LL SHOW HIM, LEW! I CAN LICK ANYBODY!



LEW FLORES, YOU ... YOU'RE LETTING THAT BIG BULLY DO YOUR FIGHTING FOR YOU!

LETTING HIM? I'M PAYING HIM TO! LET THOSE DOPES BEAT EACH OTHER UP! WE'VE GOT SOME FUN AHEAD OF US TONIGHT, SUGAR!





In time we all graduated from high school....

LEW, I'M AWARDING YOU THIS SCHOLARSHIP MEDAL... BUT I THINK YOU WON THE EXAMINATIONS BY CHEATING!

SO WHAT? EITHER PROVE IT OR HAND OVER THE HARDWARE, BUSTER! I GOT A DATE AND YOU'RE MAKIN' ME LATE!



I never will I forget my eighteenth birthday! I had a job then, and a small apartment uptown, far from teeming Delancy Street!

BILL! COME ON IN!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, KATHY! YOU MEAN YOU'RE ACTUALLY ALONE?



I... WANTED TO DO SO MUCH MORE, KATHY, BUT ATTENDING POLICE ACADEMY DOESN'T LEAVE MUCH TIME FOR EARNING MONEY!

BILL, THEY'RE BEAUTIFUL! DON'T BE... OH-OH! EXCUSE ME A MOMENT!

WHAT ON EARTH...?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MA'AM! WHERE DO YOU WANT THESE?

HI, SUGAR-KITTEN! LO, BILL! HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE MOST GORGEOUS GAL IN TOWN!

LEW! HAVE YOU GONE COMPLETELY CRAZY?



HERE, THROW THESE WEEDS OUT! WE'LL PUT THE WREATH ON THIS TABLE! SURE I'M CRAZY... CRAZY ABOUT YOU!

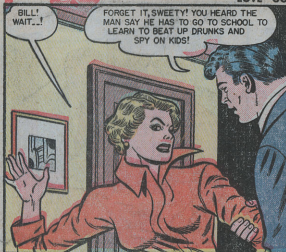
AND HERE ARE TWO DUCATS TO SOUTH SEA MAGIC! SORRY I COULDN'T GET AN EXTRA ONE FOR THE FLY COP!

DON'T APOLOGIZE, LEW! I'M LATE FOR CLASS, ANYHOW! GOODNIGHT, KATHY!



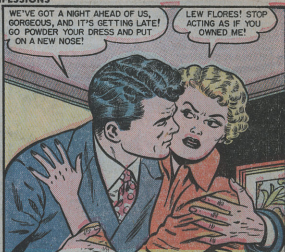


LOVE CONFESSIONS



BILL!  
WAIT...!

FORGET IT, SWEETY! YOU HEARD THE  
MAN SAY HE HAS TO GO TO SCHOOL TO  
LEARN TO BEAT UP DRUNKS AND  
SPY ON KIDS!



WE'VE GOT A NIGHT AHEAD OF US,  
GORGEOUS, AND IT'S GETTING LATE!  
GO POWDER YOUR DRESS AND PUT  
ON A NEW NOSE!

LEW FLORES! STOP  
ACTING AS IF YOU  
OWNED ME!



WHY? I DO  
OWN YOU!



THAT SEALS IT! NOW  
GET DRESSED...AND  
PUT THIS ON TO KEEP  
YOUR WRIST WARM!  
IT'S COLD OUTSIDE!

LEW! OH, I  
COULDN'T!  
THEY'RE DIAMONDS!  
...REAL DIAMONDS!  
I COULDN'T  
ACCEPT SUCH  
A GIFT...!



I MUST KNOW, LEW...  
HOW DO YOU GET  
THESE EXPENSIVE  
GIFTS? YOU TOLD  
ME YOURSELF YOU  
HAD NO JOB AND  
WOULDN'T TAKE  
ONE!

DEALS, BABY! DEALS!  
WALL STREET'S FULL  
OF GUYS WHO DON'T  
HAVE JOBS! DOES ANY-  
BODY TURN UP A  
NOSE AT THEM?  
NOW SCRAM!

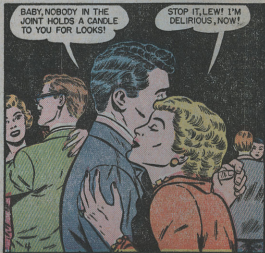


The evening slid by like a dream of heaven...

LIKE IT,  
BABY?

IT'S HEAVENLY, LEW! I'VE  
NEVER BEEN TO A REAL  
THEATRE BEFORE!

After  
the  
theatre  
we went  
to a res-  
taurant  
whose  
very name  
made me  
shiver  
with  
delight!



BABY, NOBODY IN THE  
JOINT HOLDS A CANDLE  
TO YOU FOR LOOKS!

STOP IT, LEW! I'M  
DELIRIOUS, NOW!



# LOVE CONFESSIONS



YOU REALLY HAD FUN, KITTEN! I'LL DROP AROUND TOMORROW WITH A RING AND WE'LL MAKE IT PERMANENT... ALL FUN FROM HERE ON!

OH...! I...I DON'T KNOW! DON'T RUSH ME, LEW!

WHAT'S WITH YOU? OUR LITTLE BOY BLUE, MAYBE?

BILL? I'M NOT SURE! YOU'RE BOTH MY DEAREST FRIENDS! IF I COULD KEEP YOU BOTH MY FRIENDS...

UH-UH-UH! WE'RE BIG BOYS AND GIRLS, NOW... TO OLD FOR THAT "FRIENDS" STUFF! TRY AGAIN!

GIVE ME A LITTLE TIME, LEW! I PROMISE YOU I'LL DECIDE SOON!



The next evening Bill dropped in! I tried to measure his quiet earnestness against Lew's breezy, possessive manner!

I MADE THE GRADE, KATHY! I'M A FULL-FLEDGED POLICEMAN, NOW! HOW ABOUT AN EVENING OUT BEFORE I GO ON NIGHT BEAT?

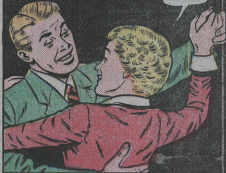
I'D LOVE TO, BILL! AND CONGRATULATIONS! I KNOW YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO GO ON THE FORCE!



There was no expensive night club, no hectic gaiety! Yet with Bill there was a warm, comfortable intimacy of shared thoughts!

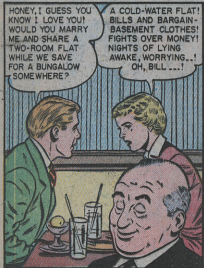
KATHY, THIS FIRST PROBATION PERIOD WILL BE RUGGED! I'LL HAVE A NIGHT BEAT AND NOT MUCH PAY AT FIRST!

HUSH, BILL! I'VE GOT A NICE KITCHENET! ON YOUR EVENINGS OFF, WE'LL FIX HAMBURGERS AND DANCE TO THE RADIO!



HONEY, I GUESS YOU KNOW I LOVE YOU! WOULD YOU MARRY ME AND SHARE A TWO-ROOM FLAT WHILE WE SAVE FOR A BUNGALOW SOMEWHERE?

A COLD-WATER FLAT! BILLS AND BARGAIN-BASEMENT CLOTHES! FIGHTS OVER MONEY! NIGHTS OF LYING AWAKE, WORRYING...! OH, BILL...!



AN HONEST LIFE WITH A FUTURE! BUT I GUESS I'VE HAD MY ANSWER, KATHY!

BILL, YOU IDIOT! THAT WASN'T AN ANSWER! THAT WAS JUST THE NOISE A HEART MAKES WHEN IT'S BEING PULLED TWO WAYS AT ONCE!



GIVE ME A LITTLE TIME! WHEN I DECIDE, IT WILL BE FOR KEEPS!

ALL RIGHT, KATHY! I'LL WAIT AND HOPE... AND KEEP PAYING MY DOLLAR A WEEK ON THE RING, JUST IN CASE!





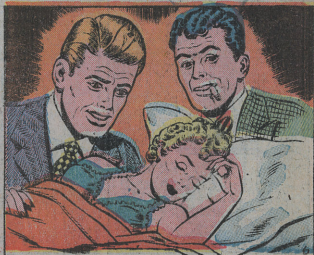
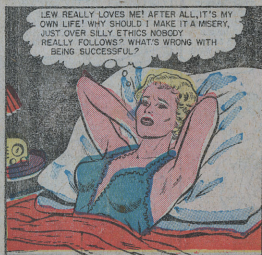
# LOVE CONFESSIONS



For a moment, with Bill's hungry lips crushing mine and the longing burning into my own heart, I thought my decision was made!



forced myself to stand aside! Neither passion nor luxury could be the deciding factor!





# LOVE CONFESSIONS

I wanted time to think, time to sort out my tangled emotions ...but Lew was too smart to give me time!

LEW, I REALLY WANT TO STAY HOME TONIGHT! I...I'VE GOT THINGS TO DO!

SO HAVE I, KITTEN! THIS IS A SPECIAL NIGHT AND I'M NOT BEING PUT OFF! COME ALONG AND STOP STALLING!

SEE THAT PENTHOUSE, SUGAR? A COP LIVES THERE! JUST A COP...BUT A SMART COP! HE PLAYS BALL WITH THE RIGHT PEOPLE!

A CROOKED COP, YOU MEAN? BILL WOULD NEVER TAKE A DISHONEST DIME FROM ANYONE!

Lew just laughed, and a few minutes later he turned into the noise and squalor of our old neighborhood!

UGH! WHY DID YOU COME HERE, LEW? YOU KNOW I HATE THIS STREET AND EVERYTHING ABOUT IT!

THAT SO? I THOUGHT MAYBE YOU MIGHT HAVE FORGOTTEN!

I HEAR BILL MADE A DEPOSIT ON THOSE TWO ROOMS UP THERE! HE DOESN'T HATE THIS STREET! HE PLANS TO LIVE HERE AGAIN!

OH, NO! HE COULDN'T...! LEW, LOOK OUT!

It happened so quickly there was no time to think!

OH...!

THE DUMB BRAT!

BILL! I DIDN'T KNOW THIS WAS YOUR BEAT!

IT IS! GET OVER, KATHY! WE'VE GOT TO RUSH THE BOY TO THE HOSPITAL!

NOW WAIT A MINUTE, BILL! CALL AN AMBULANCE! THAT'S WHAT THEY'RE FOR! WHY MESS UP MY GOOD UPHOLSTERY...?

SHUT UP AND DRIVE TO THE HOSPITAL! YOU'RE UNDER ARREST, IN CASE YOU DIDN'T KNOW!

# LOVE CONFESSIONS

DON'T TRY LEAVING, LEW! I'LL BE BACK WHEN I'VE GOT A REPORT ON THE BOY!

DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH! WHY SHOULD I LEAVE? I CAN SQUARE ANY BEEF YOU COOK UP, JUST BY DIALING THE PHONE! I'VE GOT CONNECTIONS!

LEW, I USED TO THINK YOU WERE JUST MIXED UP! I'M BEGINNING TO THINK YOU'RE ALL RAT AND A YARD WIDE!

TAKE---YOUR---PAWS---OFF ME! NO TWO-BIT FLY COP IS GOING TO PUSH ME AROUND!



REMEMBER THE BUCK I PAID SPIKE TO BEAT YOU UP? WELL, I'VE GOT MORE LIKE SPIKE, --- BIG BOYS WHO PLAY ROUGH!

BILL, IT WAS AN ACCIDENT! THERE'S NO NEED TO ACT LIKE A POLICEMAN WITH YOUR FRIENDS!

AND YOU STOP IT, TOO, LEW FLORES! THINK HOW YOU'D FEEL IF THAT LITTLE BOY DIED!

I KNOW HOW I'D FEEL IF THAT FLATFOOT DIED! HAPPY!

LEW, ANSWER ME HONESTLY! DOESN'T THAT LITTLE BOY'S LIFE MEAN ANYTHING TO YOU?

OH, SURE IT DOES, HONEY! BUT I HATE BEING PUSHED AROUND BY A BADGE! JUST BECAUSE HE'S BITTER AND JEALOUS ABOUT YOU!



I seemed an eternity until Bill came back, his face grave!

HE HAS A CHANCE BUT HE NEEDS A BLOOD TRANSFUSION! WHAT BLOOD TYPE ARE YOU? HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO SQUARE THINGS!

OH, NO YOU DON'T! NOBODY'S STICKING ME WITH NEEDLES! GET SOME CHUMPS WHO DON'T MIND IT! I'LL PAY THE BILLS!

THERE ISN'T TIME! MY BLOOD IS RH NEGATIVE! THEY CAN'T USE IT!

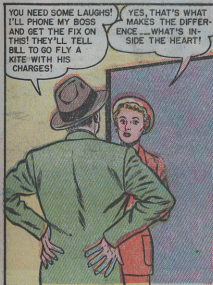
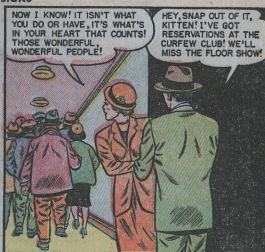
SO IS MINE, BILL! OH, WHERE CAN WE FIND SOMEONE QUICKLY? WE CAN'T WASTE A MINUTE!





# LOVE CONFESSIONS

There was a sound in the corridor! I whirled and saw my old neighbors, the bums and the no-goods from the East Side slums!



Funny, I'd been so afraid of the dark future... and it wasn't dark at all! There, safely sheltered in Bill's arms, the future was all shining gold, like a wonderful dream!



# Out Of The DARKNESS

OUT OF A GIRLISH DREAM I WOVE A LOVE SO PASSIONATE AND DEEPLY THRILLING THAT I COULD NOT DISTINGUISH BETWEEN FANCY AND REALITY... UNTIL THE FATEFUL DAY MY DREAM TURNED INTO A NIGHTMARE, LEAVING ME CHILLED AND TREMBLING... WITH ONLY MY HAUNTING MEMORIES TO MOCK ME!

OH, NO!  
NO! = SOB =



DON'T LEAVE ME, RON! WE BELONG TOGETHER HERE ON BROADWAY!

SORRY, RITA! I'M HEADED FOR THE BIG TIME... AND THERE'S NO ROOM IN MY ACT FOR YOU ANY MORE!



My dancing partner and I were billed as "Ron and Rita...Two In Love"...and it was more than just a stage title...it was the truth!

YOU'RE SO EASY TO DANCE WITH, DARLING... AND SO EASY TO LOVE!

HUSH, RON! THE AUDIENCE MIGHT HEAR YOU!



LET THEM HEAR IT! LET THE WHOLE WORLD KNOW I LOVE YOU!

PROMISE ME YOU'LL ALWAYS LOVE ME, RON! NEVER LET ME GO! NEVER!





# LOVE CONFESSIONS

That's the way it was—we were lucky in love, and in practically nothing else! We hadn't been able to land a spot in anything but second-rate clubs! It looked like we'd never get our break in the Big Time!

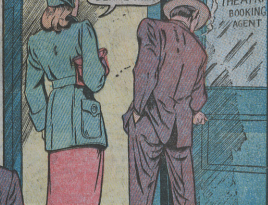
DON'T TAKE IT TOO HARD, DARLING! WE'RE BOUND TO STRIKE SOMETHING GOOD SOON!

I *KNOW* WHAT I'M GOING TO STRIKE PRETTY SOON, IF THINGS DON'T GET BETTER... THAT GOOD-FOR-NOTHING BOOKING AGENT OF OURS, HANK MILLS! ALL HE EVER DOES IS MOON AT YOU! IF ONLY I HADN'T TOUCHED THE GUY FOR A LOAN THIS MONTH!



AND THE MONTH BEFORE AND THE MONTH BEFORE THAT--OH, NO, RON! HANK'S ONE IN A MILLION AND HE *IS* TRYING FOR US! YOU MUSTN'T BLAME HIM!

HANK MILLS  
THEATRICAL  
BOOKING  
AGENT



Hank was more than our agent, he was our friend! Even though Ron refused to believe it except in time of financial need!

I'M SORRY, KIDS! I HOPE TO HAVE A GOOD SPOT FOR YOU SOON, BUT RIGHT NOW THINGS ARE REALLY TIGHT!

NUTS! YOU'VE BEEN SAYING THAT FOR SIX MONTHS! LOOKS TO ME LIKE YOU'RE GIVING US THE SQUEEZE PLAY JUST TO MAKE SURE WE CAN'T AFFORD TO GET MARRIED!

RON!



NEVER MIND, RITA! I KNOW HE'S SPEAKING FOR HIMSELF! LISTEN, WISE GUY, I CALL 'EM AS I SEE 'EM! MAYBE IF YOU'D STOP MUGGING TO THE MOVIE SCOUTS AND TRY PUTTING AS MUCH INTO THE ACT AS RITA DOES, YOU'D GET SOMEWHERE!

LAY OFF, KID GALAHAD! RITA'S SATISFIED WITH ME...OR IS THAT WHAT'S BITING YOU?



I'M SICK OF YOUR PHONY EXCUSES, MILLS! WE'LL BE LOOKING FOR A NEW AGENT UNLESS SOMETHING HAPPENS SOON! SO YOU'D BETTER PUT UP OR SHUT UP! I'LL SEE YOU BACK AT THE CLUB, OH, HANK, RITA!

WAIT, RON-- OH, HANK, I'M SO SORRY!



It was as always... I was caught between my love for Ron and my loyalty to Hank!

PLEASE TRY TO UNDERSTAND HIM, HANK! RON'S JUST DISGRUNTLED BECAUSE WE CAN'T GET MARRIED! HE'S NOT INTERESTED IN PERSONAL SUCCESS... HE ONLY WANTS A BREAK FOR US!

FOR YOUR SAKE, I'LL BUY THAT, HONEY! BUT I DON'T TRUST THAT GUY ANY FURTHER THAN I CAN THROW HIM!



There was nothing to do but wait and hope... and love Ron with all my heart! Later, in my dressing room...

YOU'RE THE BEST MEDICINE I KNOW OF TO MAKE A GUY FORGET HIS BAD LUCK!

IT'S NOT TOO BAD, RON-- NOT AS LONG AS WE HAVE EACH OTHER!



LOVE CONFESSIONS

The days passed, and suddenly, one day, we had a call from Hank! This was it! He had booked us into the exclusive Swan Club!



ISN'T IT WONDERFUL, RON? THIS IS THE BREAK WE'VE BEEN DREAMING OF! LET'S GO OUT AND CELEBRATE AT DINNER TONIGHT!

YEAH, IT'S SWELL NEWS, KID... BUT NOT TONIGHT! I PROMISED ANITA LESLIE I'D SHOW UP AT HER COCK-TAIL PARTY AND I CAN'T BACK DOWN! YOU KNOW HOW IT IS, BABY!

A cold chill wrapped itself around my heart as Ron apologetically made his excuses!

ANITA LESLIE, THE MOVIE STAR? YOU WOULDN'T BE THINKING OF A HOLLYWOOD OFFER NOW, RON... NOT AFTER WE'VE GOTTEN OUR REAL CHANCE!

WHO SAID ANYTHING ABOUT HOLLYWOOD? YE GODS, CAN'T I GO TO A LITTLE PARTY WITHOUT BEING ACCUSED OF A MILLION THINGS?



That evening, I started to dine alone, when... RITA! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE ALONE? I THOUGHT YOU AND RON WOULD BE OUT PAINTING THE TOWN RED IN CELEBRATION!



WELL...UH, RON HAD A LITTLE PRIVATE MATTER TO ATTEND TO THIS EVENING!

I THOUGHT YOU WERE HIS ONLY LITTLE PRIVATE MATTER! HE'S NOT OUT CHASING ANOTHER SCREEN TEST, IS HE, RITA? I'VE GOT YOU DEFINITELY BOOKED FOR TOMORROW NIGHT AND IF HE MUFFS THIS, YOU MIGHT AS WELL SAY GOODBYE TO THE BIG TIME!



THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT, HANK! WE'LL BE THERE WITH BELLS ON!

My casual assurance seemed to satisfy Hank, but my own heart was filled with a nameless dread as I waited the next night in our new dressing room at the Swan Club... alone!



OH, RON, ONLY TEN MINUTES MORE TILL WE GO ON AND YOU'RE STILL NOT HERE!

THERE'S NO USE WAITING, RITA! I INQUIRED AROUND AND FOUND OUT THAT HE FINALLY LANDED A SCREEN TEST AND LEFT FOR THE COAST WITH LA LESLIE THIS AFTERNOON! YOU'LL HAVE TO GO ON ALONE, HONEY!



I CAN'T DO IT ALONE, HANK! I CAN'T! I'M NO GOOD WITHOUT RON, ON THE STAGE OR OFF!

SURE YOU ARE, HONEY! RON WAS NEVER ANY MORE THAN JUST A BACK DROP FOR YOUR TALENT, ANYHOW! DO IT FOR ME! GET OUT THERE AND SHOW 'EM!



As the door slowly opened, my crushed hopes leaped high, only to turn to ashes again as I faced Hank and the tell-tale expression he could not hide!



# LOVE CONFESSIONS

In a painful daze, I let Hank push me forward into the spotlight, and there, with the tears still wet on my cheeks, I danced out the story of my heartbreak!



Not caring whether I lived or died, I performed before one cheering audience after another! Somehow my tempestuous emotions were revealed in my dancing... and people loved it!



LOOK, RITA, ANOTHER OFFER! THEY'RE COMING IN BY THE DOZENS! YOU CAN HAVE YOUR PICK OF THE SWANKIEST CLUBS IN THE COUNTRY!

THAT'S SWELL, HANK... I GUESS!

Success was really mine! Because it was expected of me, I bought a house, cars, furs and jewelry... but the days when these things might have made me happy were gone!

Hank *did* give me time...almost all the time he had! He became my constant companion, took me to shows, out dancing...yet through my attempts at gayety ran the constant thread of my memories!

YOU'RE WONDERFUL TO DO ALL THIS FOR ME, HANK! I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'D EVER DO WITHOUT YOU!

DON'T THANK ME, RITA! IT'S A LABOR OF LOVE-- BUT I GUESS YOU KNOW THAT!



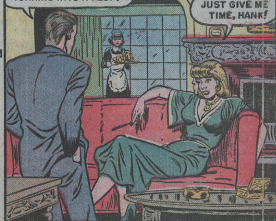
For a long moment, there was silence--and then the applause broke like thunder in the air! Ironically, I was a hit!



RITA, HONEY, YOU WERE TERRIFIC! YOU DANCED LIKE YOU WERE ON AIR!

MAYBE THAT'S BECAUSE I'M EMPTY NOW! I HAVE NO MORE HEART TO WEIGH ME DOWN!

YOU'VE GOT TO SNAP OUT OF IT, HONEY! YOU MAY BE A SUCCESS PROFESSIONALLY, BUT PERSONALLY YOU'RE TURNING INTO A FLOP!



JUST GIVE ME TIME, HANK!

I *did* know it, but my mind was so filled with Ron that I had no room for anyone else...and try as I might, I could not free myself of his spell!

RITA, HONEY, YOU KNOW HOW I FEEL ABOUT YOU... ISN'T THERE A CHANCE...

IT'S NO GOOD, HANK! DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME ON ME! I'M JUST AN EMPTY SHELL AND YOU DESERVE MORE THAN THAT!



# LOVE CONFESSIONS

I WON'T LET YOU BE AN EMPTY SHELL! HEAVEN KNOWS I HATE THE GUY FOR WHAT HE'S DONE TO YOU, BUT IF IT'S RON YOU WANT, THEN I'LL GET HIM BACK FOR YOU SOMEHOW!

OH, HANK? IF YOU ONLY COULD!

I had not heard from Ron since he left, but the mere mention of his name set my very being on fire again!

I'VE HEARD VIA THE GRAPEVINE THAT HE'S IN NEW YORK AGAIN! HE COULDN'T MAKE THE GRADE ALONE IN HOLLYWOOD AND ANITA LESLIE HAS DROPPED HIM LIKE A HOT POTATO!

POOR RON! HIS LUCK NEVER CHANGES! PERHAPS, IF WE COULD GET BACK TOGETHER AGAIN...

I GUESS I EXPECTED YOU TO SAY THAT...OH, WELL! I'LL GET IN TOUCH WITH HIM AND ARRANGE FOR A MEETING UP HERE!

I DON'T KNOW HOW TO THANK YOU, HANK!

For twenty-four agonizing hours, I waited to hear from Hank! Finally, the next evening, he called to say that Ron would be up in two hours!

IN TWO HOURS, I'LL START TO LIVE AGAIN! OH, RON, RON, YOU'RE COMING BACK TO ME!

And then, suddenly, the eternity was over, and Ron stood in the doorway! Holding my breath, I waited for the tender rush of emotion that had always filled me when I saw him!

RITA, I'VE MISSED YOU LIKE FURY! YOU STILL LOOK GOOD ENOUGH TO EAT!

RON!

COME ON, BABY, LOOSEN UP! IT'S ME, RON, REMEMBER?

OH, RON, WHY DID YOU LEAVE ME WHEN I NEEDED YOU SO? NO, DON'T...STOP!

HOLY MACKEREL, WHAT IS THIS...A THIRD DEGREE? I THOUGHT YOU'D BE GLAD TO HAVE ME BACK! ALL I DID WAS TRY TO MAKE SOME CONTACTS FOR US OUT ON THE COAST!

FOR US, RON?

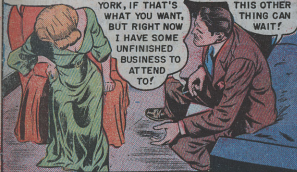
He swept me into his arms, and his lips pressed hungrily on mine, but instead of answering his ardor, a strange chill swirled around my heart!



As I tried to believe his lie and couldn't, I realized that I had been in love with a Ron who never existed—a golden idol to whom I had sacrificed myself...and Hank!

POOR RON! YOU'LL NEVER CHANGE...BUT I ALREADY HAVE, AND FOR THE BETTER, I THINK! I'LL TRY TO GET YOU A BOOKING IN NEW YORK, IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT, BUT RIGHT NOW I HAVE SOME UNFINISHED BUSINESS TO ATTEND TO!

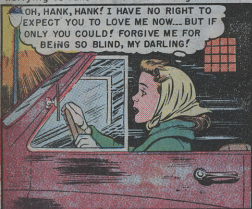
BUT, RITA! I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO SPEND THE EVENING WITH ME! SURELY THIS OTHER THING CAN WAIT!



NO! IT CAN'T WAIT ANOTHER MINUTE! I'VE WASTED TOO MUCH TIME AS IT IS! GOODBYE, RON!



It was as if I had turned on the light in a dark room...and everything was suddenly clear! My heart was free at last, and I was hurrying to take it where it belonged!



OH, HANK, HANK! I HAVE NO RIGHT TO EXPECT YOU TO LOVE ME NOW...BUT IF ONLY YOU COULD! FORGIVE ME FOR BEING SO BLIND, MY DARLING!

Not daring to hope, I raced to Hank's office, and sure enough, he was there, working late, alone...

RITA! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? HAS SOMETHING GONE WRONG?

IT'S GONE *RIGHT* FOR A CHANGE, DARLING! OH, HANK, COULD YOU STILL LOVE ME, DESPITE WHAT I'VE DONE TO YOU?



LOVE YOU? THAT'S LIKE ASKING IF BIRDS CAN STILL FLY! I JUST CAN'T HELP MYSELF, RITA!

SEEING RON TONIGHT WAS LIKE WAKING OUT OF A BAD DREAM, HANK! BUT NOW IT'S OVER! I KNOW HIM FOR WHAT HE IS... AND I'M FREE, FREE TO LOVE YOU!

So... out of darkness came light, and a new, true love that was to last me for the rest of my life!



# TEACHER'S PET

Life was glorious as I began the last half of my senior year at Calmore University ! College days were as wonderful as ever and in June, after graduation, I would become the bride of Mal Turner, the man I loved ! And then a stranger came to Calmore, a stranger who was to tear my world and my heart to shreds !





# LOVE CONFESSIONS

Of course I had heard of Willis Randolph! I had read and liked his poetry, but...

WELL, GOSH, JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE ENGAGED DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN'T GET EXCITED ABOUT A CUTE PROF!

I SUPPOSE NOT! BUT AS SENIORS, AREN'T WE GETTING TOO ADULT FOR THAT SORT OF THING? 'BYE NOW, I'VE GOT TO MEET MAL!

My steps were light and my heart sang as I went to meet Mal, my future husband!

OH, BABY, I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU!

STOP, SILLY! SOMEONE MIGHT SEE US!

WHY, IF A MAN CAN'T HUG HIS WIFE-TO-BE... WELL, HERE'S THE GYM! GOTTA START BASKETBALL PRACTICE!

AND THAT MEANS NO DATE AGAIN TONIGHT

I'M AFRAID IT DOES! BUT YOU KNOW WHAT TRAINING IS! IF I'M GOOD THIS YEAR, I MIGHT EVEN PLAY PROFESSIONAL AFTER! HELLO, COACH!

WELL, TURNER! YOU KNOW THE TEAM CAN'T PRACTICE WITHOUT ITS CAPTAIN!

That was the way it always was! I was terribly proud of Mal's athletic record but training always made me feel as if I were poison!

I WONDER IF MAL LIKES SPORTS AS MUCH AS HE LOVES ME! NOW HE WANTS TO PLAY BASKETBALL AFTER WE'RE MARRIED! I COULDN'T BEAR THAT!

OH! I... EXCUSE ME!

OOF! PARDON ME!

As my eyes met those of the tall stranger, I felt a spark jump between us that seemed to ignite my heart!

I'M SO SORRY! LET ME PICK THIS UP FOR YOU!

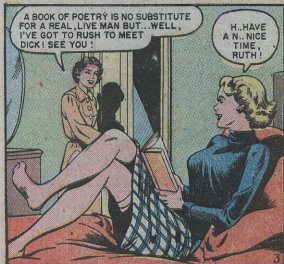
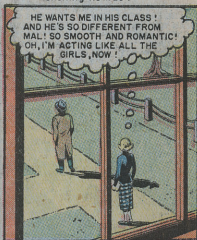
OH, REALLY, IT WAS MY FAULT!



LOVE CONFESSIONS



So this was the famous poet, Willis Randolph! My tumultuous heart told me how handsome and exciting he was!





LOVE CONFESSIONS

The next day classes began...



When Willis Randolph began to speak my heart kept time with his words!



After class...



Why had I agreed so easily? I had fought against it but something in my maddened heart had made me say yes!



When Mal called, something snapped in me! His voice seemed so crude, so loud and irritating!



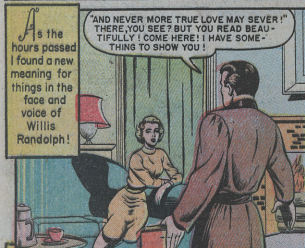
# LOVE CONFESSIONS



When I left Mal my heart was secretly glad he was not free that night! Hours later...



At that moment I entered a new world! Everything was in such perfect taste! A cozy fire glowed on the hearth!



He showed me some beautiful poems he was writing...



I thought I saw a fleeting shadow pass over his intelligent eyes! Suddenly...



ANSWER WITH YOUR HEART, DARLING! YOU DO LOVE ME! I KNOW IT!

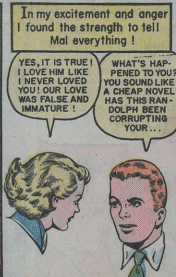


As our lips blended I forgot Mal, shame, everything!





LOVE CONFESSIONS



# LOVE CONFESSIONS

When Mal had gone I gave in to the emotions that tore my heart !

OH, WILLIS ! I WANT TO GET OUT OF HERE !

THERE, THERE, SWEET !

WHY MUST THERE BE MISERY WITH HAPPINESS ? OH, MAL !

JOY, DARLING ! WHAT'S WRONG ?



The next weeks were filled with love and Willis' new book of poems which were written to me, Joy Shane !

OH, DARLING ! I COULD GO ON LIKE THIS FOREVER ! WHEN WILL WE BE MARRIED ?

MARRIED ! UH ... WE MUST WAIT A WHILE, DEAREST ! I HAVE MY WORK TO FINISH NOW ... !



Though I was supremely happy, I noticed an elusiveness in Willis ! He was older than I and had a past I could not know or share ! One day ...

I hated myself for breaking Mal's heart but I was powerless ! Then one day ...

DARLING ! I CAN'T STAND IT ! I CAN'T EAT OR STUDY ! I CAN'T EVEN PLAY BALL ! COME BACK TO ME, DARLING ! PLEASE !

OH, MAL, STOP ! I CAN'T HELP LOVE ! IT JUST HAPPENS ! WE'LL ALWAYS BE FRIENDS !

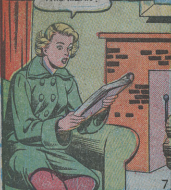


WILLIS ! ARE YOU HERE ?

HE MUST BE IN CLASS ! I'LL WAIT FOR ... WHAT'S THIS ON THE TABLE ?



IT'S THE DEDICATION TO THE NEW BOOK ! "DEDICATION ! THIS BOOK IS FOR LAURA, IN HOPE THAT ON THESE PAGES SHE WILL FIND MY HEART AND BRING IT BACK TO ME !" WILLIS RANDOLPH ! OH ! WHAT DOES THIS MEAN ?



My head swam and an awful anguish seized my heart ! Who was Laura ? This book was to have been for me !

WILLIS ! WHAT IS THIS ? WHO IS LAURA ?

YOU FOUND THAT ? OH, JOY, I WANTED TO SPARE YOU THIS BUT I'VE PUT IT OFF LONG ENOUGH ! LISTEN AND TRY TO UNDERSTAND !



LAURA JAMES IS THE WOMAN I HAVE LOVED FOR YEARS ! SHE LEFT ME AND I WROTE THE BOOK HOPING TO WIN HER BACK !

AND ?





# LOVE CONFESSIONS



SOMEONE TO LISTEN TO YOUR POEMS LIKE A FAITHFUL DOG? TO BOOST YOUR EGO? G. GOOD-BYE PROFESSOR RANDOLPH!

JOY! JOY! COME BACK! YOU CAN'T GO LIKE THIS!

My little world was at my feet in ruins! I had made a complete fool of myself and broken both my heart and Mal's!



OH, MAL, DARLING! CAN YOU EVER FORGIVE ME? BUT I CAN'T GO BACK NOW!

I tried to ease the pain in my heart by intense studying but to no avail! One day...

DON'T TOUCH ME! I HAVE NOTHING TO SAY TO YOU!

LISTEN TO ME! JOY, I'VE WRONGED YOU! IN MY LONELINESS AND HURT I LED YOU ON! FORGIVE ME IF YOU CAN, BUT YOU SHOULDN'T GO ON THIS WAY!



But it was true! Mal took me back! The team began to win games again!



I AM VERY FOND OF YOU, YOUR YOUTH AND BEAUTY! BUT YOU BELONG WITH MAL! HE WANTS YOU BACK! I'VE SPOKEN TO HIM! GO BACK TO HIM!

HE WANTS M..ME BACK? OH, I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!



OH, MAL, YOU WERE WONDERFUL! WE WON THE CHAMPIONSHIP!

AND THAT WAS MY LAST GAME, EVER, DARLING! HURRY! WE'VE GOT TO GET DRESSED FOR THE BIG FORMAL!

At the victory formal I was gloriously happy in Mal's arms!



SAY, LOVE BIRDS! CAN A CRUSTY, OLD FACULTY CHAPERONE INTRODUCE HIS LADY OF LOVE? THIS IS LAURA JAMES! JOY AND MAL!

HELLO! SAW YOU PLAY, MAL! JOY MUST BE PROUD OF YOU!

Willis drew me aside and showed me a copy of the new book!



LAURA CAME BACK TO ME AFTER READING MY BOOK! HERE, THIS COPY IS FOR YOU! ON PAGE THIRTY THERE'S A POEM TO JOY ASKING FOR FORGIVENESS!

OH, WILLIS!

I FORGIVE YOU! I DID A LONG TIME AGO!

I knew then that my love for Willis Randolph had made a woman of me, mature and wise!



I REMEMBER A WEDDING DATE IN JUNE I MADE WITH A GIRL! I WONDERED IF THERE MIGHT HAVE BEEN A CHANGE...

NO CHANGE, DARLING! REMEMBER, ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL!

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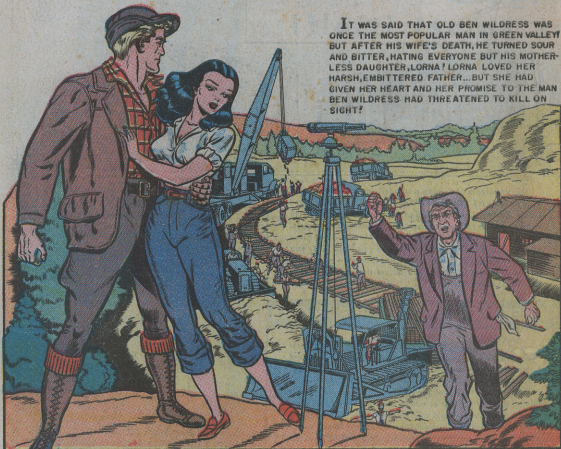
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LOVE CONFESSIONS

# BITTER YEARS

IT WAS SAID THAT OLD BEN WILDRESS WAS ONCE THE MOST POPULAR MAN IN GREEN VALLEY BUT AFTER HIS WIFE'S DEATH, HE TURNED SOUR AND BITTER, HATING EVERYONE BUT HIS MOTHERLESS DAUGHTER, LORNA! LORNA LOVED HER HARSH, EMBITTERED FATHER... BUT SHE HAD GIVEN HER HEART AND HER PROMISE TO THE MAN BEN WILDRESS HAD THREATENED TO KILL ON SIGHT!



It was nothing new for Lorna to act as peace-maker in her father's quarrels with trespassers!

YOU HEARD ME! IF YOU AREN'T OFF MY LAND IN FIVE MINUTES, I'LL GET MY SHOTGUN!

OH, DEAR! FATHER'S REALLY IN A RAGE AT SOMEBODY THIS TIME!



She burst onto the scene and saw a handsome young stranger standing up to Ben Wildress's wrath!

SORRY, MR. WILDRESS, BUT MY JOB IS TO SURVEY A LINE FOR THE NEW RAILROAD THROUGH HERE AND I'M GOING TO DO MY JOB!

SO YOU'RE WORKING FOR THAT PACK OF THIEVES! THERE'LL BE NO RAILROAD ACROSS MY TIMBER... NOW OR EVER!



LOVE CONFESSIONS

DAD, BE REASON-  
ABLE! THE VALLEY  
VOTED FOR THE  
RAILROAD! YOU  
CAN'T STAND  
AGAINST EVERY-  
BODY!

YOUR DAUGHTER'S RIGHT, MR.  
WILDRESS! THE LINE IS BUILT  
UP TO YOUR LAND ON BOTH  
SIDES, NOW! WE CAN'T DELAY  
ANY LONGER!



Lorna felt a thrill as the young stranger faced her  
father, calm and sure and unafraid!

YOU'VE HAD MONTHS TO ACCEPT A  
FAIR OFFER FOR THIS STRIP OF  
GROUND! IF YOU WON'T ACCEPT,  
THE STATE WILL CONDEMN AND  
SEIZE IT!

YOU MAY TAKE IT BY  
FORCE BUT YOU'LL  
NEVER GET IT WILL-  
INGLY! I'LL FIGHT  
YOU AND YOUR BUZ-  
ZARD BOSSES TO THE  
LAST DITCH! **GET  
OUT!**



I'M GETTING  
MY SHOTGUN! IF  
YOU'RE IN SIGHT  
WHEN I COME BACK,  
YOU'LL GET BUCK-  
SHOT FROM BOTH  
BARRELS!

YOU'D BETTER GO! I'M AFRAID DAD  
REALLY MEANS IT! I'VE NEVER KNOWN  
ANYTHING TO UPSET HIM LIKE THIS  
RAILROAD BUSINESS!



ALL RIGHT, MISS  
WILDRESS! MY  
NAME IS RUSS  
CALAHAN! I WANT  
TO THANK YOU FOR  
YOUR KINDNESS!  
WE'LL DELAY  
WORK UNTIL  
TOMORROW!

I'LL DO WHAT I CAN, MR.  
CALAHAN... BUT PLEASE  
BE CAREFUL! EVER SINCE  
MY MOTHER DIED, DAD'S  
BEEN BITTER AND  
VIOLENT!



I'LL BE CARE-  
FUL ON ONE  
CONDITION...  
THAT YOU CALL  
ME RUSS!

ALL... ALL RIGHT,  
RUSS! AND MY NAME  
IS LORNA! I DO HOPE  
YOU CAN DO YOUR  
JOB! WE NEED THE  
RAILROAD DESPITE  
DAD'S ATTITUDE!



GOODBYE, LORNA!  
I'LL KEEP MY  
FINGERS CROSSED,  
HOPING TO SEE  
YOU AGAIN  
TOMORROW!

IT'S  
POSSIBLE!  
GOODBYE  
...RUSS!



Lorna walked home again with her  
heart singing and her mind full of a  
smiling, blue-eyed face!

DID THAT SHIFTY-  
EYED TRAMP  
SCUTTLE AWAY  
LIKE THE COWARDLY  
THIEF HE  
IS?

THE SURVEYOR  
LEFT, IF THAT'S  
WHAT YOU MEAN!  
BUT I CONSIDERED  
HIM A NICE-LOOK-  
ING, STRAIGHTFOR-  
WARD YOUNG MAN!





LORNA WILDRESS, I'VE GIVEN YOU EVERYTHING A DAUGHTER CAN HAVE... BUT IF YOU EVER MAKE SHEEP'S EYES AT THAT... THAT...

LET GO OF MY ARM! I'M NOT ONE OF THE NEIGHBORS, TO BE ROARED AT LIKE A CRIMINAL!

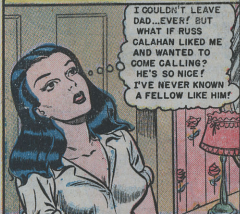
I LOVE YOU AND I'VE PUT UP WITH YOUR RAGES! BUT I'M NINETEEN AND IF YOU TRY TO RUN MY LIFE, I'LL LEAVE HOME FOR GOOD!

YOU... YOU...!



She ran to her room, leaving her father still gasping at this first revolt she had ever offered to his will!

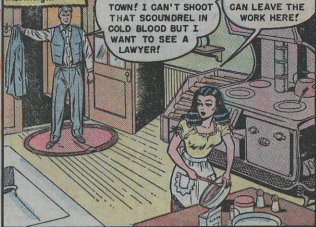
I COULDN'T LEAVE DAD...EVER! BUT WHAT IF RUSS CALAHAN LIKED ME AND WANTED TO COME CALLING? HE'S SO NICE! I'VE NEVER KNOWN A FELLOW LIKE HIM!



Early the next morning...

GET YOUR HAT, HONEY! WE'RE DRIVING TO TOWN! I CAN'T SHOOT THAT SCOUNDREL IN COLD BLOOD BUT I WANT TO SEE A LAWYER!

WHY...ALL RIGHT, DAD! I GUESS I CAN LEAVE THE WORK HERE!



I HAD HOPED TO SEE RUSS TODAY...BUT THIS IS BETTER! IF DAD STAYED HOME, THERE MIGHT BE TROUBLE! RUSS CAN DO HIS JOB SAFELY, NOW!

The only way out of the valley was a round-about road, too narrow and rough for cars to tackle!

YOU SEE, DAD, WITH THE RAILROAD YOU AND ALL THE VALLEY MEN CAN SHIP CROPS DIRECT! YOU MIGHT EVEN GET A GOOD ROAD THROUGH!

THIS ROAD HAS BEEN GOOD ENOUGH FOR FORTY YEARS! YOUR MOTHER NEVER COMPLAINED ABOUT IT! SHE LIKED THIS ROAD!

POOR DAD, TRYING TO KEEP THINGS AS THEY WERE WHEN HE AND MOM WERE HAPPY TOGETHER! BUT HE CAN'T STIFLE PROGRESS TO GUARD HIS MEMORIES!



LOVE CONFESSIONS

In town, Ben Wildress was once more confronted with the hopelessness of his stand!

YOU'RE A FOOL, BEN! YOU CAN'T FIGHT THE RAILROAD! GIVE UP AND ENJOY THE BENEFITS YOU'LL GET FROM IT! THAT'S MY ADVICE!



YOU'VE SOLD OUT TO THE ROBBERS, TOO, HAVE YOU? ALL RIGHT, I'LL FIGHT THEM ALONE! COME ON, LORNA!

They reached home later to find the surveying finished and no signs of Russ Calahan! Lorna was both glad and sorry!

LET THEM RUN THEIR LINES! THEY CAN'T RUN A RAILROAD ON STAKES! WAIT UNTIL THEY TRY TO LAY RAILS ON MY PROPERTY!

OH, DAD, WHY DON'T YOU STOP? YOU CAN'T WIN AND YOU KNOW IT! ACCEPT CONDITIONS AND STOP TEARING YOURSELF TO PIECES!



As Lorna went to the well for water, a short time later...

HELLO, LORNA! I WAS HOPING YOU'D COME DOWN HERE SOMETIME THIS EVENING!

RUSS! YOU SHOULDN'T BE HERE! IF DAD CATCHES YOU ON HIS LAND...



I CAN'T HELP IT! I HAD TO SEE YOU AGAIN! I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT YOU EVERY MOMENT SINCE YESTERDAY MORNING!

YOU HAVE? I... I'VE WONDERED ABOUT YOU, TOO, RUSS! I'M SO WORRIED ABOUT DAD!



SO AM I, LORNA! THE CONSTRUCTION CREWS MOVE IN TOMORROW... WITH ARMED GUARDS! I HOPE HE DOESN'T DO ANYTHING WILD!

I'LL TRY TO STOP HIM! BUT NOBODY CAN MAKE HIM UNDERSTAND OR ACCEPT CONDITIONS! I... I MUST GO BACK NOW!



I WANT TO SEE YOU, LORNA! COULD YOU COME OUT AND MEET ME TONIGHT?

I... I'LL TRY, RUSS! DOWN WHERE WE MET YESTERDAY, ABOUT NINE!



HE WANTS TO SEE ME TONIGHT! THEN HE *DOES* LIKE ME! OH, I'M SO HAPPY! I'VE WANTED TO WALK WITH HIM AND TALK TO HIM!





LOVE CONFESSIONS

That night...

LORNA! YOU CAME! I'VE PACED AND WORRIED AND WONDERED IF I'D REALLY SEE YOU OR IF IT WAS JUST A DREAM!

OF COURSE I CAME, RUSS! I HAD TO WAIT UNTIL DAD WENT TO BED OR I'D HAVE BEEN HERE SOONER!

DOES... DOES THAT MEAN YOU LIKE ME A LITTLE, LORNA? IS THERE ANY HOPE IN THE WILD DREAMS I'VE HAD?

I'M NO GOOD AT PRETENDING, RUSS! I CAME BECAUSE I LIKED YOU AND WANTED TO BE WITH YOU!

What happened was neither mad impulse nor planning, but the natural result of two hearts that hungered!

OH, MY DARLING, IT'S SO CRAZY AND IMPOSSIBLE... BUT I FELL IN LOVE WITH YOU YESTERDAY MORNING... ALL AT ONCE AND COMPLETELY!

I DON'T KNOW, BUT PERHAPS I DID, TOO, RUSS! SOMETHING STIRRED IN MY HEART WHEN I SAW YOU AND I'VE THOUGHT OF YOU EVER SINCE!



THIS IS SUCH A SHORT SPAN THAT IT WON'T TAKE MORE THAN A WEEK TO FINISH THE TRACK, DEAREST! THEN I'LL BE MOVED ON!

YOU'RE LEAVING SO SOON? OH, RUSS...



WILL YOU MARRY ME AND COME ALONG, MY DARLING? I LOVE YOU! I'LL MAKE YOU HAPPY, MY OWN LOVE!

OH, I WANT TO! BUT... BUT... THERE'S DAD! HE'LL NEVER CHANGE, RUSS! AND I CAN'T LEAVE HIM ALONE!



DEAREST, YOU'VE GOT TO! HE'S TRIED TO SMASH EVERYTHING ELSE! YOU CAN'T LET HIM WRECK OUR HAPPINESS WITH HIS SENSELESS HATES!

NO, RUSS! I CAN'T! HE LOVES ME AND I CAN'T LEAVE HIM!



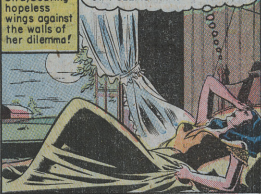
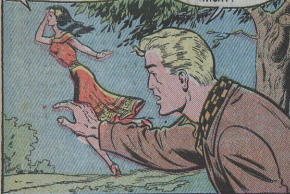
# LOVE CONFESSIONS

DON'T MAKE ME CHOOSE BETWEEN YOU TWO TONIGHT! SOBE: GIVE ME TIME TO THINK! THERE MUST BE SOME WAY OUT!

I'LL MEET YOU HERE TOMORROW NIGHT, MY DARLING! AND I'LL BE HERE WAITING, EVERY NIGHT!

Lorna slept little that night! She was like a bird, beating hopeless wings against the walls of her dilemma!

SOBE: I LOVE RUSS AND THERE'LL BE NO LIFE FOR ME WITHOUT HIM! BUT HOW CAN I DESTROY DAD'S LAST SMALL HAPPINESS FOR MY OWN SELFISH JOY?



Day after day the racing crews laid track across Ben Wildress's land...

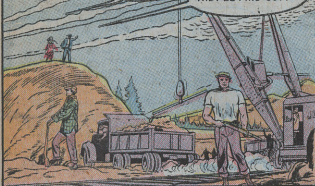
THEY'RE ALMOST FINISHED, DAD! IN A FEW DAYS THE FIRST TRAIN WILL RUN!

THAT'S WHAT THEY THINK! I CAN'T FIGHT THEIR BLOODY ARMY BUT I'M NOT LICKED... NOT BY A LONG SHOT! THEY'LL FIND OUT!

And night after night Lorna stole a few precious moments with Russ, moments that still held no answer to her aching problem!

NOT YET, RUSS! DON'T MAKE ME DECIDE YET! JUST HOLD ME IN YOUR ARMS AND WRAP ME IN YOUR LOVE!

ONE MORE NIGHT IS ALL. WE'LL HAVE, MY DEAREST! DAY AFTER TOMORROW THEY'RE THROUGH AND I'M TO BE SENT WEST!



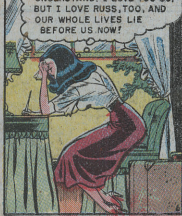
So they lost themselves in love, unaware that their precious secret had long since ceased to be a secret!

For Lorna that last day was an endless eternity of indecision, of pain and anguish and tormented uncertainty!

TONIGHT I MUST CHOOSE! OH, HOW CAN I HURT EITHER ONE? AND HOW CAN I ENDURE GOING ON WITHOUT RUSS?

With the coming of the fateful evening, she made her choice!

OH, DEAR DAD, PLEASE TRY TO UNDERSTAND! I LOVE YOU SO, BUT I LOVE RUSS, TOO, AND OUR WHOLE LIVES LIE BEFORE US NOW!





# LOVE CONFESSIONS

OH, MY OWN!  
THEN YOU'VE  
DECIDED TO BE  
MINE! MY DAYS  
OF ANGUISH  
ARE OVER AT  
LAST! WE'LL  
LEAVE ON THE  
FIRST THROUGH  
TRAIN TONIGHT!

I HAD TO, RUSS!  
I HAD TO COME  
BECAUSE I KNEW  
I COULD NEVER  
ENDURE THE  
DESERT OF A  
LIFE WITHOUT  
YOU!



Suddenly, down toward the  
new-laid rails...

LORNA! QUIET!  
ISN'T THAT  
YOUR FATHER  
DOWN THERE?

OH, YES!  
YES, RUSS!  
WHAT IS HE  
GOING TO DO?  
IT'S SOME-  
THING  
TERRIBLE,  
I KNOW!  
WE'VE GOT TO  
STOP HIM!



THE FOOLS, TAKING  
OFF THEIR GUARDS  
JUST BECAUSE THE  
RAILS WERE LAID!  
I'LL SHOW THEM...

DAD! DAD! FOR  
HEAVEN'S SAKE,  
STOP! YOU  
MUSTN'T!



STAY BACK! THIS WILL  
BLOW UP IN A MOMENT!  
THERE'S NOTHING LEFT  
FOR ME, ANYHOW! I'VE  
SEEN YOU MEETING HIM  
EVERY NIGHT!

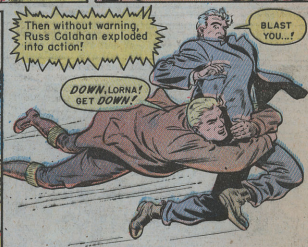
MR. WILDRESS, COME  
AWAY QUICKLY! YOU  
DON'T UNDERSTAND!  
LORNA AND I LOVE  
EACH OTHER! WE'RE  
GOING TO BE MARRIED!



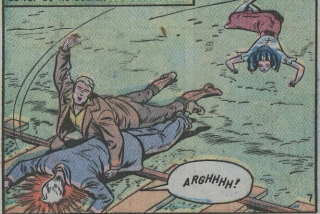
Then without warning,  
Russ Calahan exploded  
into action!

DOWN, LORNA!  
GET DOWN!

BLAST  
YOU...!

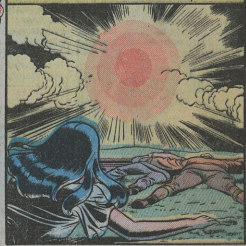


In a split second he had slammed  
Ben Wildress to the track, had  
thrown the sputtering dynamite  
as far as he could!



ARGHHH!

There had not been a second to spare!



# LOVE CONFESSIONS



DAD! DAD, SPEAK TO ME! OH, RUSS, YOU SAVED HIS LIFE!

HE HIT HIS HEAD ON THAT RAIL AWFULLY HARD, DEAR! I COULDN'T HELP IT!

The blast brought out the workers from camp! The railroad doctor examined Ben Wildress!

I CAN'T TELL WHETHER IT'S A FRACTURE OR A CONCUSSION BUT HE MUST GET TO A HOSPITAL FAST!

I'LL GET THE BUGGY! WE CAN BE IN TOWN IN TWO HOURS BY ROAD!



THAT'S TOO LONG ...AND TOO ROUGH A RIDE! WE'LL HAVE HIM THERE IN TWENTY MINUTES ON THE WORK TRAIN! IT'S COMING NOW!

HE'LL GET THE FINEST CARE, DEAR! DON'T WORRY!



But the greatest miracle of all came the next morning when they went in timidly to see Ben Wildress, in his hospital room!

CAN YOU CHILDREN EVER FORGIVE ME? I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S BEEN DRIVING ME THESE PAST YEARS BUT LAST NIGHT I LOST MY HATES!

OH, DAD, DAD... I THOUGHT I'D NEVER KNOW A GREATER HAPPINESS THAN WHEN THE DOCTOR TOLD ME YOU WERE OUT OF DANGER LAST NIGHT!



YOU SAVED ME FROM A CRIME LAST NIGHT... AND YOUR RAILROAD SAVED MY LIFE! I'VE BEEN A FOOL! IS IT TOO LATE TO ASK FOR YOUR FRIENDSHIP?

OF COURSE NOT! THEN ...THEN YOU DON'T OBJECT TO MY MARRYING LORNA ANY MORE, SIR?

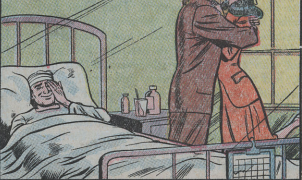


NOT IF YOU HURRY! I'VE GOT YEARS OF BITTERNESS TO WIPE OUT... AND I WANT TO START BY CALLING YOU "SON"!

OH, I FEEL AS IF MY HEART HAD BEEN TORN APART AND THEN PUT BACK TOGETHER! I'M WHOLE AGAIN!



So happiness came to Green Valley... and to three people who had walked from the darkness up into the sunshine of unselfish love!





# GUESTS *At The* WEDDING

"GOSH," thought Ginny, as she looked out the plane window at the tiny twinkling lights below, "I'll soon be home! Mom and dad will be at the airport and maybe Dave, too!"

Once again she powdered her saucy, little tilted nose! She looked in a mirror to be sure that every shining red hair was combed just right! She adjusted her perky, flowered hat for the twentieth time! Then she gazed out the window again, searching far toward the horizon for the brilliance in the sky which would be Chicago.

"I didn't realize how glad I'd be to get back," she said to herself. "All I ever wanted was to go to L.A. to college! It was fun but getting back is better!"

Ginny Blakely might not have admitted it, even to herself, but the semester had been a great disappointment. In her vanity, she had envisioned talent scouts swarming around her to offer movie contracts! She had pictured herself having dates with glamorous movie stars! But no such things had happened. She had studied most of the time and her dates had been with college boys her own age who seemed young and immature by comparison with Dave Harpel.

"Dave will be waiting," she mused with a confident smile. "He always is!"

Ginny had known Dave as long as she could remember. Their families were old friends. He was four years older than she and, when he went East to finish Law School, she had been his girl! It had flattered her ego to have a boy friend in Harvard while she dated the fellows at Northwestern. Then Dave had come back and settled down to the serious business of starting a practice and it had seemed dull and annoying to her. She had gone out with other fellows whenever she felt like it, had talked her parents into sending her away to college in the secret hope of finding someone more exciting, and had kept Dave dangling and doubtful as to her intentions. She hadn't written him much, either. So there was no wonder that she hadn't heard from him for a couple of months!

With every turn of Ginny's imagination, now, Dave's stature grew! Absence had erased the annoyance! There was no doubt that he would be successful! And he was as patient and faithful as a sheep dog! She thought she'd settle for that!

The dark, young man across the aisle bothered her! He had boarded the plane at Denver and had been watching her most of the time since! He was not handsome but had well-molded features and deep smiling lines which indicated a good nature! She knew his eyes were upon her because she could see his reflection in the plane window!

Finally, the gleam of the city lighted up the sky! Ginny set her vanity case near the aisle, adjusted her safety belt, and waited as the plane circled the airport and came down the runway for a velvet landing! The stranger across the aisle glanced at the initials on her case: V.B. Then he picked it up and helped her down the ramp!

"I thought all the time that you were Virginia Blakely!" he said. "See you at the wedding, Ginny!"

"Wedding?" she asked. "Whose wedding?" But, by that time, he had disappeared in the crowd and she was embraced by her parents and whisked away home.

Ginny waited until after the supper the family had fixed for her before she asked about Dave. "I supposed you knew," her mother said. "He's getting married tomorrow to Betty Jeffries, his secretary. You're just in time for the wedding!"

Ginny's head swam as a wave of anger surged through her! Dave had not waited, as she had expected! Somebody else had taken her place! She excused herself and went to her room and, suddenly, she realized what the stranger had meant when he said, "See you at the wedding!" It was Dave's wedding! But who was he? It didn't make very much difference! She felt miserable! She was jilted! Furiously, she cried herself to sleep!

The Blakelys and Harpels were old family friends which meant that it was necessary for Ginny to go with her parents to the wedding!

She watched the ceremony with tears welling up in her eyes! She imagined that everyone in the church was looking at her and thinking, "Poor dear! She's the rejected sweetheart!"

They filed out with all the others and congratulated the bride and groom! "Gee, Ginny," grinned Dave, "it's good to see you! Glad you got back in time for my wedding!"

"So am I," lied Ginny. "I—I hope you'll be very happy!"

She dashed from the door, leaving her mother and father to gush over the newlyweds. But, as she ran down the church steps, she caught the heel of her slipper and fell—right into the arms of the stranger who had sat opposite her on the plane.

"We meet again," he smiled. "Mop the tears, Ginny! How about dinner with me?"

"I'd love to," she answered, feeling very vengeful! "Pick me up at seven!"

When they started out for the evening, she didn't even know his name. "Dick . . . er . . . Dick Brown," he told her. "Funny thing, we're both in the same boat! The one we love doesn't love us!"

Ginny's eyes widened. "You mean—you mean that you're in love with HER?"

"I didn't say that, but—" and he took her by the arm and hurried her away. "Let's just forget it! Let's have a good time—what say?"

Ginny had meant to carry a torch for Dave but she couldn't! She and Dick had a gay evening—dinner, a show, the penny arcade, and hamburgers and coffee at midnight! She couldn't remember ever having had so much fun!

Days that followed took them to the Zoo and the Field Museum and the Planatarium and the Shadd Aquarium! There were shows and dinners, too, and rides up the Outer Driver and, at last, a walk along the beach with the moonlight bright over Lake Michigan.

"Ginny," Dick said, as he took her in his arms, "are you very unhappy about Dave's marriage?"

"I was at first," she answered honestly. "but I'm not now. What about you and Betty?"

"That?" He laughed as if he were enjoying a good joke. "Nothing to it. I'll tell you about that later!"

He grabbed her and kissed her, for the first time! His kisses were different from any Ginny had known. Dave's had been matter-

of-fact! College boys were impulsive, the ones she had met! Dick's kisses were tender and full of love and meaning! They were gentle, though filled with desire! Ginny's heart gave way and melted like ice on a summer day!

"Honey," he said at last. "I have to go back to Denver in a few days! Can't stay away from business too long! So I've planned a little party for tomorrow night, with Dave and Betty. I feel we owe it to them!"

Ginny dreaded the ordeal. But, when she saw Dave again, he seemed stuffy and annoying and she didn't envy Betty for being his wife! And Dick was polite to Betty but she didn't seem to interest him much! In fact, the entire session was boring! Dave and Dick talked together and seemed to have a lot in common but Ginny was glad when the evening drew to a close.

Dick drove her home in silence. But when they reached her door, he asked to come in. "I have to talk to you and this is my last night here!"

"Of course," she said. "My mom and dad won't mind!"

Inside the house, he took her in his arms! "Darling," he said, "I've pulled a hoax but it was the only way I could be sure! I never knew Betty before! And my name's not Brown—it's Sweeney!"

"Sweeney? Dick Sweeney?" and Ginny stared as the name registered in her memory! You were Dave's roommate at Harvard! He wrote to me about you!"

"It's easy to explain! When I roomed with Dave, you were his girl! I fell in love with your picture, but how can a guy double-cross a pal? When I was invited to Dave's wedding and knew he was marrying someone else, I took my chances! It was coincidence that we were on the same plane!"

He kissed her and rumbled her red hair. "I pretended to be Betty's ex-beau," he explained, "so that you'd think we were mutually miserable! I wanted to be sure—that's why I planned the party—that you weren't still in love with Dave!"

"I've never been in love with Dave, I know that now! My pride was hurt! But I've never loved anyone but you!"

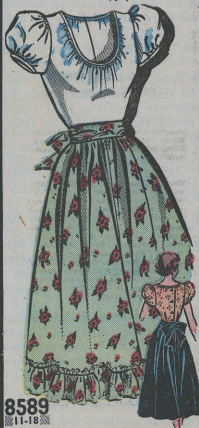
The next day, Dick and Ginny were married and Dave and Betty were guests at the wedding!



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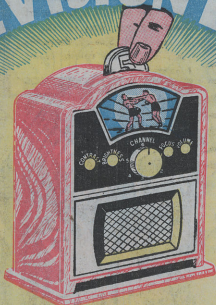
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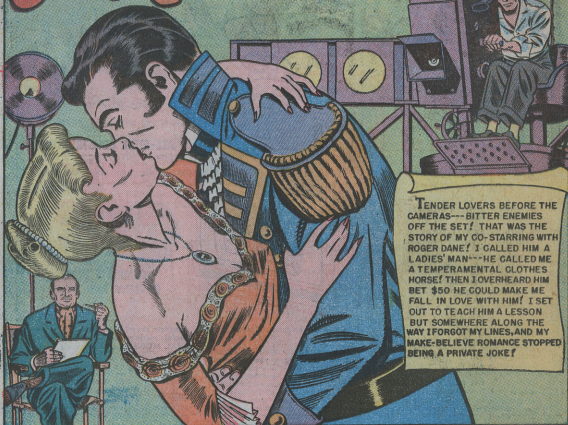
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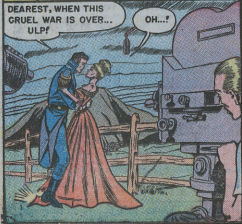


TENDER LOVERS BEFORE THE CAMERAS---BITTER ENEMIES OFF THE SET! THAT WAS THE STORY OF MY CO-STARRING WITH ROGER DANE! I CALLED HIM A LADIES' MAN---HE CALLED ME A TEMPERAMENTAL CLOTHES HORSE! THEN I OVERHEARD HIM BET \$50 HE COULD MAKE ME FALL IN LOVE WITH HIM! I SET OUT TO TEACH HIM A LESSON BUT SOMEWHERE ALONG THE WAY I FORGOT MY LINES, AND MY MAKE-BELIEVE ROMANCE STOPPED BEING A PRIVATE JOKE!

We were shooting "Heart of France" when it all began...

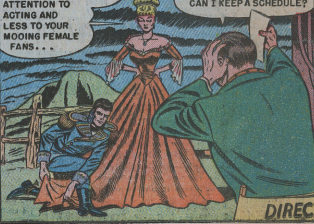
DEAREST, WHEN THIS CRUEL WAR IS OVER...  
ULP!

OH...?



YOU STUPID, CLUMSY OAF! IF YOU'D PAY MORE ATTENTION TO ACTING AND LESS TO YOUR MOOING FEMALE FANS...

CUT! HERE GOES ANOTHER SCENE! HOW CAN I KEEP A SCHEDULE?



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# LOVE CONFESSIONS



I WON'T DO ANOTHER SCENE WITH THAT CLOWN!

BUT LYNN...! PLEASE, MISS LEE...

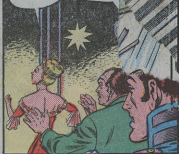
OH, LET HER ALONE!

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THIS IS ABSOLUTELY THE LAST PICTURE I'LL EVER MAKE WITH THAT TAILOR'S DUMMY!

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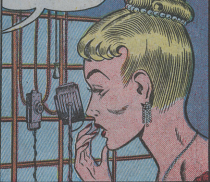


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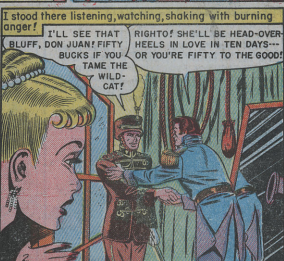
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YEAH? I'D LIKE TO SEE ANYBODY CRACK THE ICE AROUND THAT DOLL'S HEART, ROG! NOT EVEN YOU COULD GET A QUIVER OUT OF HER!

WANT TO BET? I COULD HAVE LYNN LEE PURRING LIKE A KITTEN IN TEN DAYS, MAC!



I stood there listening, watching, shaking with burning anger!

I'LL SEE THAT BLUFF, DON JUAN! FIFTY BUCKS IF YOU TAME THE WILD-CAT!

RIGHTO! SHE'LL BE HEAD-OVER-HEELS IN LOVE IN TEN DAYS--- OR YOU'RE FIFTY TO THE GOOD!

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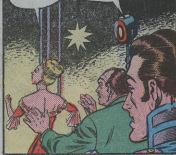
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STICK AROUND, SAM! SHE'LL BE BACK WHEN HER GOWN IS MENDED! YOU WON'T CATCH HER WALKING OUT ON A CHANCE TO HAM FOR THE BOYS!



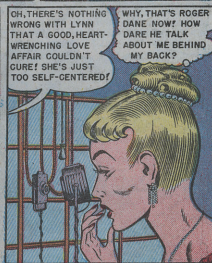
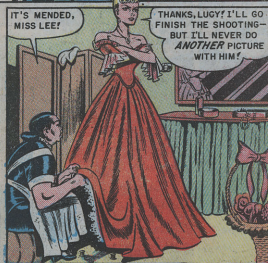
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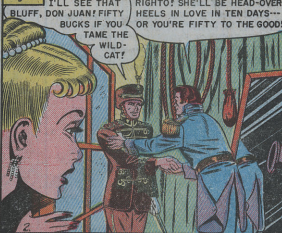
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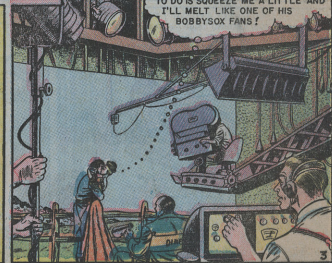
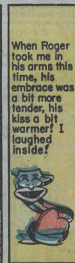
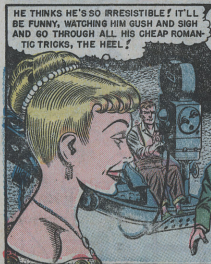
I'LL SEE THAT BLUFF, DON JUAN! FIFTY BUCKS IF YOU TAME THE WILD-CAT!

RIGHTO! SHE'LL BE HEAD-OVER-HEELS IN LOVE IN TEN DAYS--- OR YOU'RE FIFTY TO THE GOOD!





# LOVE CONFESSIONS



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I started forward, intending to explode my fury on their heads! And then I stopped...

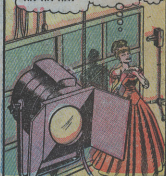
I'LL TELL THOSE GRINNING HYENAS PLENTY! I'LL...NO, WAIT! I'VE GOT A BETTER IDEA—A MUCH BETTER IDEA!



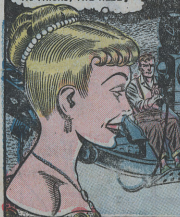
I'LL LET MR. ROMEO ROGER THINK HE'S SUCCEEDED! I'LL BESWEET AND MELTING AND TENDER AND NEVER LET HIM GUESS HOW I'M LAUGHING INSIDE!



THEN WHEN HE'S SMUG AND TRIUMPHANT—I'LL LAUGH RIGHT IN HIS SILLY, HANDSOME FACE! I'LL MAKE HIM THE JOKE OF THE STUDIOS! THE GREAT LOVER! HA-HA-HA!



HE THINKS HE'S SO IRRESISTIBLE! IT'LL BE FUNNY, WATCHING HIM GUSH AND SIGH AND GO THROUGH ALL HIS CHEAP ROMANTIC TRICKS, THE HEEL!



AH, HERE'S OUR STAR, NOW! FEEL BETTER, BABY?

OF COURSE, SAM! I WOULDN'T WANT TO UPSET YOUR ULCERS ANY MORE! I KNOW ROGER DIDN'T TEAR MY GOWN INTENTIONALLY!



ULP! THAT I SHOULD LIVE TO SEE THIS DAY!

I was making myself be sweet! The sooner Roger Dane thought he had tamed me--the sooner I could have my laugh on him!

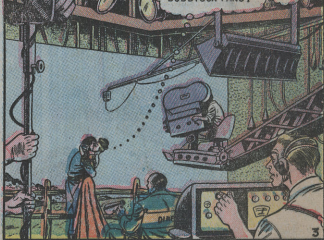
I'M READY, ROGER! I PROMISE AND PLEASE TRY YOU, LYNN, NOT TO BLOW UP I'LL BE THE ANOTHER SCENE VERY SOUL OF GRACE AND AGILITY! GROSS MY HEART!



When Roger took me in his arms this time, his embrace was a bit more tender, his kiss a bit warmer! I laughed inside!



THE GOOF! HE THINKS ALL HE HAS TO DO IS SQUEEZE ME A LITTLE AND I'LL MELT LIKE ONE OF HIS BOBBYSOX FANS!



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GREAT! WONDERFUL! YOU TWO HAVE NEVER DONE A FINER SCENE! I'M HAPPY LIKE ALL GET-OUT!

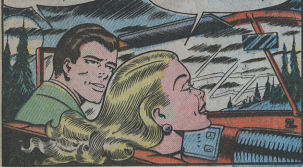
IT WAS LYNN, SAM! WHEN SHE REALLY TURNS ON HER CHARM, EVEN A FENCE POST COULD ACT TENDER AND ROMANTIC! SHE'S SUPERB!



Roger helped me into his car as if I were a queen!

I'LL TAKE YOU TO A LITTLE OUT-OF-THE-WAY SPOT I'VE FOUND WHERE NO HOWLING AUTO-GRAPH HUNTERS CAN HECKLE US!

OH, DON'T BOTHER ON MY ACCOUNT, ROGER! I CAN STAND IT IF YOUR FANS WANT TO MOB YOU! AFTER ALL, YOU'RE THEIR IDOL!



HEAVENS, YES! IF I DON'T MAKE PUBLIC APPEARANCES YOU WERE THREE NIGHTS A WEEK, I BREAK MY CONTRACT! BUT I'LL NEVER SIGN FOR THAT AGAIN!

WELL, I'LL BE DARNED! I THOUGHT YOU WERE HAM ENOUGH TO GO FOR THAT PAWING ADULATION BY CHOICE, I OWE YOU AN APOLOGY!



I was still mulling over that surprise when we reached our destination, a tiny little basement cafe in an out-of-the-way neighborhood!

WELL, SIGNOR DANE, THIS IS A SURPRISE! FOUR NIGHTS A WEEK YOU COME HERE BUT ALWAYS ALONE, TO ESCAPE WOMEN! NOW YOU BRING ONE!

SHE'S A VERY SPECIAL WOMAN, LUIGI! I DON'T WANT TO ESCAPE HER!



I ONLY KNOW OF FIFTY DOLLARS! WOULD BE FUNNIF IT, YOU LITTLE SITUATION AND THY YOU MEAN TO TO MAKE ROGER FRS AND A LOVE WITH ME! W. THAT WOULD

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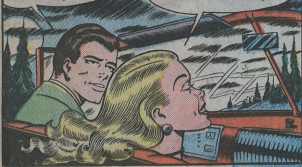
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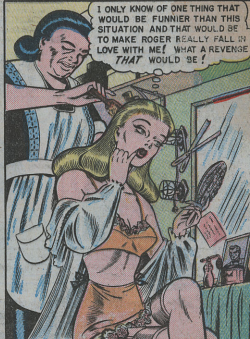
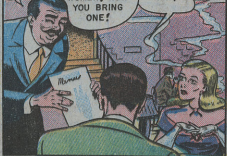
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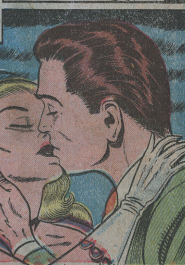
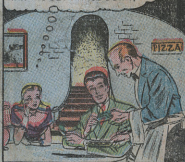


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HMM! FOR A PROFESSIONAL ROMANCER, YOU'VE BEEN AWFULLY SHY ABOUT LETTING ME IN ON YOUR YEARNINGS!

Very suddenly I discovered that I'd forgotten about the grand joke I was supposed to be enjoying!

HEY,SNAP OUT OF IT,SUCKER! THIS IS NO TIME TO GET SOFT! DO YOU WANT THAT PHONEY LOTHARIO TO WIN HIS BET HANDS DOWN?



THIS ONE JUST DID!

I SUPPOSE IT'S CORN, LYNN,BUT THE MOON-LIGHT SEEMS TO FILL YOUR HAIR AND EYES WITH SPECIAL STARS! I COULD WISH ON ONE OF THOSE STARS!

TRY IT! I USED TO WISH ON A STAR---AND SOMETIMES MY WISH CAME TRUE!



We drove out to the ocean above Malibu,where the highway winds upward above the pound of surf!



I-I THINK YOU'D BETTER TAKE ME HOME,ROGER! IT'S LATE!

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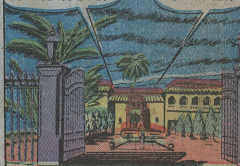


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I DON'T KNOW, ROGER! I-I'LL LET YOU KNOW TOMORROW ON THE SET!



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Afterward we danced---to the music of a jukebox! I hadn't danced to anything but a big name band in years!

FUNNY, AFTER ALL THE PICTURES WE'VE CO-STARRED IN---THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE EVER DANCED TOGETHER!

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I had never acted more tender and melting but inside I was laughing raucously! Or was I?

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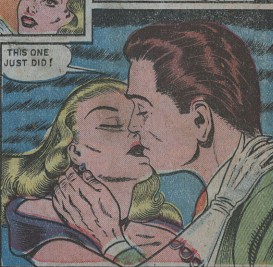


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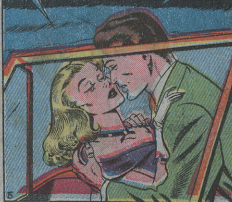
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I'VE GOT TO SNAP OUT OF THIS! WHAT'S COME OVER ME? I WENT INTO THIS WITH MY EYES WIDE OPEN! BUT I DIDN'T KNOW THEN HOW WARM AND HUMAN AND WONDERFUL ROGER COULD BE!

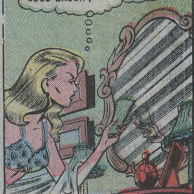
My head was spinning, my heart pounding! Something had happened to me, something that made me furious, yet wanting to sing!



I'LL GO WITH HIM TOMORROW NIGHT! I HATE HIM! I'LL MAKE A FOOL OF HIM AND I'LL LAUGH IN HIS FACE BEFORE EVERYBODY!

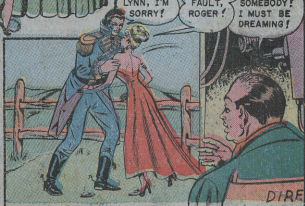


THERE! THERE'S FIFTY DOLLARS! TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT IT, YOU LITTLE FOOL! THAT'S WHAT YOU MEAN TO HIM---FIFTY DOLLARS AND A GOOD LAUGH!



The next day I was poisonously sweet, while I tried to shut out the ache in my heart!

IT WAS MY PINCH ME, SOMEBODY! FAULT, I MUST BE DREAMING! LYNN, I'M SORRY!



I told Roger I'd be waiting for him that night!

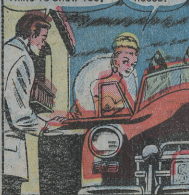
YOU'RE EARLY! I THOUGHT YOU SIGNED AUTOGRAPHS UNTIL MIDNIGHT!

I SLIPPED AWAY FROM THE SHE-WOLVES THIS TIME! CONTRACT OR NO CONTRACT, I'VE GOT MORE IMPORTANT BUSINESS TO TRANSACT!



I'M NOT PLAYING BIG BAD WOLF, LYNN, BUT I'D LIKE YOU TO COME OVER TO MY BACHELOR PLACE FOR A MINUTE! I HAVE SOMETHING TO SHOW YOU!

WHY-WHY, I'D BE GLAD TO, ROGER! I'VE NEVER SEEN YOUR HOUSE!



NEITHER HAS THE PUBLICITY DEPARTMENT! I PUT A CLAUSE IN MY CONTRACT THAT MY HOME LIFE WAS PRIVATE--NOT TO BE PUBLICIZED!

THAT'S RIGHT! COME TO THINK OF IT, I'VE NEVER READ NOR HEARD A WORD ABOUT YOUR PRIVATE LIFE! THEY BUILT THAT AS A ROMANTIC MYSTERY, TOO!



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I was surprised at the quiet taste of Roger's home! Somehow, on his salary, I had expected elegance and gaudiness!

WE'RE GOING UP TO MEG'S ROOM, HENRY!

VERY GOOD, MR. DANE!



Then we walked through a door and into the shock of my life!

YAWWWN! HELLO, UNCLE ROGER! I KNEW YOU'D BE BACK TO KISS ME GOOD-NIGHT!

OF COURSE, HONEY! AND I WANT YOU TO MEET SOMEONE VERY SPECIAL...



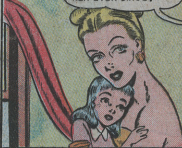
LYNN, MEET MEG--THE MOST MISCHIEVOUS LITTLE SCAMP WHO EVER TAMED A BACHELOR!

HUG ME! NO PRETTY LADIES HUG ME ANY MORE EXCEPT NURSE!



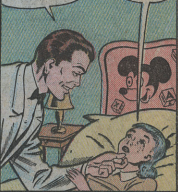
Somehow I found my voice! It sounded queer through the pounding of my heart and the numbness of my brain!

MY SISTER'S LITTLE GIRL! HER MOTHER AND FATHER WERE ON ONE OF THE LAST SHIPS SUNK IN THE WAR! I'VE RAISED HER EVER SINCE!



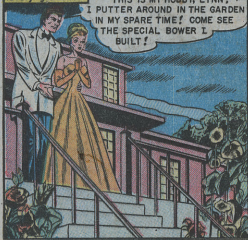
GO TO SLEEP NOW, DARLING! I'LL TRY TO PERSUADE LYNN TO VISIT YOU AGAIN WHEN YOU'RE WIDE AWAKE!

I HOPE SO, UNCLE ROGER! I GET LONESOME!



Still dazed, I let Roger lead me down to a lovely garden...

THIS IS MY HOBBY, LYNN! I PUTTER AROUND IN THE GARDEN IN MY SPARE TIME! COME SEE THE SPECIAL BOWER I BUILT!



WHY---WHY, IT HAS MY NAME IN FLOWERS! WHEN DID YOU FIX THAT? YOU DIDN'T EVEN KNOW I'D COME!

I FIXED THAT LONG AGO, LYNN--WHEN I COULD ONLY HOPE YOU'D COME SOME DAY! I'VE WAITED A LONG AND LONELY TIME FOR YOU TO DISCOVER IT!



# LOVE CONFESSIONS



YOU SEE, DEAR, I'VE BEEN IN LOVE WITH YOU SINCE THE FIRST TIME I SAW YOU! BUT YOU ALWAYS SEEMED TO HATE ME SO BITTERLY!

NO! YOU CAN'T MEAN IT! STOP...!

I DO MEAN IT, LYNN! I'M A BACHELOR WITH FIFTY MILLION ADMIRERS AND A LONELY BABY! WOULD YOU CONSIDER MARRYING SUCH A COMBINATION?

STOP IT! IT ISN'T FAIR! YOU HAD NO RIGHT TO BRING ME HERE!



Suddenly I whirled and ran ---ran away from Roger...but I couldn't run away from my breaking heart!



LET ME GO! I CAN'T STAND ANY MORE OF IT! I HATE YOU!

LYNN! PLEASE, DARLING...!

I ran all the way home! And then in my room...

LIAR! CHEAT! THAT'S HOW BAD YOU WANT ME! FIFTY DOLLARS' WORTH! HOW LOW CAN SOME PEOPLE STOOP TO WIN A FILTHY BET?



HE WANTS AN ANSWER, DOES HE? I'LL GIVE HIM MY ANSWER--TOMORROW ON THE SET! IN FRONT OF EVERYBODY! AND I'LL LAUGH IN HIS LYING FACE! SOBÉ!



I cried most of the night, but by the time I was back to the set, my tears were exhausted and only my bitter anger remained!

LYNN, I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU! I HAD SOMETHING MORE TO SAY LAST NIGHT, BUT YOU RAN AWAY TOO SOON!

DO TELL ME, DARLING! I'M DYING TO HEAR WHAT IT IS!



IT'S ABOUT THAT FIFTY-DOLLAR BET, DEAR!

GO AHEAD, FLAUNT IT IN MY FACE! YOU W-WON IT FAIRLY---

IF THAT GIVES YOU S-SATISFACTION! YOU TH-THOUGHT I DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THAT!





# LOVE CONFESSIONS

OF COURSE I KNEW, DEAR! WE SAW YOU COMING IN THAT MIRROR! MAC KNEW HOW I FELT AND AGREED TO HELP ME BY PRETENDING TO MAKE THAT BET!

SOB! YET YOU PRETENDED YOU L-LOVED ME! YOU CHEAT!



YES, LYNN! I THOUGHT YOU'D BE SO FURIOUS YOU'D DECIDE TO PLAY ALONG AND HOPE TO TRAP ME---JUST AS YOU DID!

I-I DON'T UNDERSTAND! WHY...?



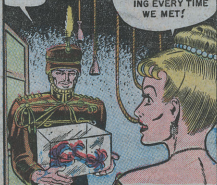
YOU HAD ME SO WRONG, DEAR! I HOPED IF YOU'D GIVE ME HALF A CHANCE TO BE WITH YOU, I COULD PROVE HOW DIFFERENT I REALLY AM! IT WAS A TRICK BUT NOT WHAT YOU THOUGHT!



While my brain still reeled and my heart went crazy, Mac, the other actor, came strolling up, grinning!

IS IT A DEAL, ROG? I PUT THE FIFTY INTO ORCHIDS FOR THE LUCKY GIRL, THE WAY YOU TOLD ME!

THEN IT'S TRUE! YOU---YOU DID DO IT JUST TO GET ME TO LISTEN TO YOU AND STOP FIGHTING EVERY TIME WE MET!



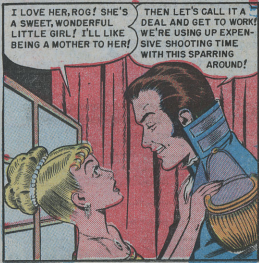
OH, ROGER, I'VE BEEN SUCH A FOOL---SUCH A SILLY, TEMPERMENTAL IDIOT! HOW COULD YOU WANT SUCH A BAD-TEMPERED BRAT?

I CAN'T HELP MYSELF, DEAR! MEG FELL FOR YOU AND I PROMISED SHE COULD HAVE YOU FOR A MOTHER!



I LOVE HER, ROG! SHE'S A SWEET, WONDERFUL LITTLE GIRL! I'LL LIKE BEING A MOTHER TO HER!

THEN LET'S CALL IT A DEAL AND GET TO WORK! WE'RE USING UP EXPENSIVE SHOOTING TIME WITH THIS SPARRING AROUND!



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'WONDER HOW SHE  
LEARNED SO FAST?  
I'LL ASK HER THE  
FIRST CHANCE I GET.

MARY, I NEVER TOOK A LESSON IN MY LIFE - BUT  
NOW I CAN PLAY WELL, THANKS TO THE  
AUTOMATIC CHORD SELECTOR AND  
THE DEAN ROSS SIMPLE ABC METHOD.  
YOU OUGHT TO TRY IT!



IF IT'S AS EASY  
AS YOU SAY AND  
IT ONLY COSTS  
\$1.98 I'LL SEND  
FOR IT  
RIGHT AWAY!

GLAD I TOOK BETTY'S ADVICE.  
NOW I GET INVITED  
EVERYWHERE. NO MORE  
WALLFLOWER STUFF  
FOR ME!



"I learned to play a song in 10  
minutes."

A.C.C., Washington

"Even if one never played a  
note it is easy."

C.G.H., New Hampshire

"Now I can play sheet music  
beautifully."

E.S., New York

Hundreds of thankful, en-  
thusiastic letters like these  
are in our files.

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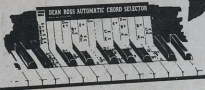
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